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> dishpans. First green onions yesterday, and think we can begin on the radishes about the 13th. Late but better late than never. Last year I wrote of the trouble Mrs. Clinton and I had had with our radishes—

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heavy tops and little root. This year I added lime to the compost in the tub, and radishes and beets seem to

be doing well. Maybe acid soil was the trouble.

March was not a pleasant month for me. No severe cold but much piercing wind. I was laid up with an old assertment of ailments, complicated this time, by a deep cold and lumbago, and no doctor for miles and miles. Fortunately I remembered the routine treatment for the old trouble, and dry heat is fine for colds and lumbago. Was up one day and then down three. Managed to preserve the house plants but outdoor losses heaviest in years.

Until young plants are ready, am sold out of Coleus, Sempervivums, Caladiums, and Billbergia nutans. Had only a few of each and they went like hot cakes.

Very early this month was able to get out into the woods near here and found Toothwort, Woolly Violets, Spring Beauty, Viola Rafinesque, Houstonias in full bloom and Spurge just beginning. Bad weather has kept me close to home since then. Now, early middle of April, Confederate Violets a lavender grey carpet among the Bermuda. White Violets coming into bloom. Japanese Quince began blooming in March and still at it. Amaryllis which have been in storage or a cool room, budding now.

Unfortunately, Kalph was stationed in Africa and Italy, where his normal lordly male complex was boosted. He decided that if we had a vegetable garden, I would be sure to work too hard. Therefore, he would not hire a man to plow the garden. I tried to hire the man I know will do as good work for a woman as for a man, but naturally he was too busy. Mockery, for a woman to pray, "Lead us not into temptation," and then herself try to hire a man to plow her garden. Too much temptation to profanity, hence I'm doing my gardening in tubs and

I wrote of Mr. Cole's custom of planting peanuts down the middle of his cucumbers and melons. Mrs. Ross, of Wickes, went him one better. In addition to the peanuts, she planted okra between the hills.

Okra is common in the South but not well known in the North. Rich in vitamins and calories. Related to cotton, it is a warm weather crop and should be planted when apple blossoms fall. The tender seed pods are edible portion. Pick out the best plant, choose one pod from that for seed, and remove all which get too tough to be easily pierced with a finger nail.

The most common way to prepare it is to slice and stew with seasonings and butter but none of my gang will eat it that way. Mr. Cole's favorite recipe was to slice, roll in seasoned corn meal and fry in bacon or ham drippings. My boy preferred I'd mix up the sliced okra with sliced onions and green tomatoes, any proportion that is handy, roll in the seasoned corn meal and fry. My favorite is to add the whole pods to green beans when latter are half done and boil together. Needs no further seasoning.

Seems odd to me to read of cucumbers and tomatoes being full season crops. Cucumbers are out of the way in time for late tomatoes to be set in the hills, for the winter storage; and the early tomatoes can well be planted in the row with carrots and radishes. Radishes are out of the way before the carrots need room, and latter are being thinned when early tomatoes are ready. Then the latter are through in time for Chinese cabbage or winter lettuce.

That is one reason I am so hipped on Polk county for a home for old people with tiny fixed incomes. If they can garden at all, so much less ground is needed to raise their food, and so much can be raised in the front yard as ornamentals.

Did you ever think of asparagus as part of the perennial border? My yard efforts were usually stymied by Mr. Cole's habit of lotting the cow at night in my flower garden, if I was away over night. But one summer I stayed close at home. We had a row of asparagus, enough for our family, running north and south. Back off this my boys spaded a narrow bed, and a wider one in front. In the back, planted okra and in front a row of mixed annuals, and in front of them, a row of Bassano beets. As the okra came into full bearing, surplus plants were pulled out and replaced with tall African marigolds and Crown of Gold zinnias. Had I known as much of gardening then as I do now, would have added in front, a row of carrots, and in front of them, a mixed row of chives and parsley.

As the beets were eaten out, they were replaced with mixed, highly colored coleus. One of the prettiest flower beds I've had and quite a bit of food from it.

You may not be able to get Bassano beet seed, as it is quite out of fashion. The sweetest red beet I ever ate, probably has a strain of sugar beet. Foliage almost as large and as highly colored as rhubarb chard, which you might substitute at each end of the row, with dark red beets in the middle. The main charge against Bassano is that when cooked, it has pink zones.

If you have grass eating pet animals, such as goats and rabbits, it is surprising the amount of feed which can be raised for them in even a small garden.

With us, sweet potatoes can follow early English peas. Have written of our old bed spring drying table, which proved so efficient for Aunt Kate and me. When time for early frost is near, take a sharp hoe and cut the potato vines near the ground. Spread the flour sack cover over the bed springs and loosely pile the vines on top. The leaves fall off and when dry were carefully sacked, for later feeding. The bare vines cured into a mess that looked like old wire, but goats and rabbits gobbled them and thrived on that sort of hay.

Some of the sweets will be stringy, or damaged and unfit for storage. Have about the same feeding value as good silage.

The farmer husband of one of my friends, used to plant an acre and a half of sweet potatoes not far from the barn lot. A few rows of Nancy Halls for home use and remainder, a big coarse root of which I do not know the name. When the Nancy Halls were dug, the vines were left on the ground; a rail fence alley to the barn lot was built, and hogs turned in. Slept under a shed in the lot, fed corn night and mornand harvested the through the day. At killing time were shot, same as other game. He told me the sweets were, in the long run, one of his most profitable crops.

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America, both North and South, lost one of the most valuable citizens this hemisphere has ever produced when Henry Ford was promoted to wider service elsewhere.

It is foolish to say that he is dead. The Lord has too much common sense to waste valuable material. Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford are surely at work elsewhere in the Universe helping forward some other civilization.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah 6:8.

All through both the Old and New Testatments we find the idea of impartial justice emphasized as an indispensable condition for favor with God. Some of our present laws were intentionally made unjust to certain classes and favoring others. Now there is a strong demand that this defiance of the Lord be withdrawn and our laws made in harmony with His requirements. The organizations and individuals who are bringing pressure to prevent this obedience to God, are evidently getting their inspiration from the other direction.

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HARDY CACTI—10c EACH

OPUNTIA VULGARE (Common Prickly Pear) hardy, flower creamy yellow, fruit edible. Can be used as pot plant. Thrives in poor soil.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA, stately lawn plant, hardy here to 15 below.

OPUNTIA RAMOSSISSIMA, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in rock gardens, also good as pot plant.

An almost spineless Opuntia found here in only one spot that I know of. May be Beaver Tail.

HOUSE PLANTS

Common Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Large Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Green and White Wandering Jew, 5c.

Purple and grey Wandering Jew, 5c.

A Cactus I cannot identify since my labels were mixed. Looks like the pictures of Echinocereous Reichenbachi, white sticks, but the blooms are white. Only a few young plants, 10c. Has not bloomed for me.

Opuntia Elata, 10c.

Peanut Cactus (Chamecerous Sylvestris), 10c.

Opuntia Vilyi (dwarf tender), 10c.

Chinese Temple (Kalanchoe daigermontiana). Some say this is a Bryophyllum, 10c.

Kalanchoe Fedschenkoi, some say this also is a Bryophyllum. In bloom now, dark orange colored small flowers. 10c.

Variegated Pedilanthus, 10c.

A very few young plants of Aloe Davyanna, 10c.

Bryophyllus, 10c each.

Talinum, tender perennial, blooming early from seed. Tall, with pink flowers much like Baby's Breath. Seeds itself as far north as Topeka, Kansas. 5c each; 30c per doz.

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WOOD SORRELL (a native Oxalis), another very early bloomer. Clover-like leaves decidedly reddish. Makes a small bulb and transplants readily even when in bloom. Different colors, white, cream and pink. Dormant after blooming. The shredded leaves are nice in salads and some use them in soups. Does well in pots. Needs rather more than half shade, but thrives in rather poor soil.

WOOD BETONY (Betonia). I thought this was a Fern until I found it in bloom. Yellow flowers about the size and shape of Ragged Robins, nice clean stems, a good cut flower. Does not do well in pots for me. Indifferent to soil, but needs a damp spot and plenty of shade. The young leaves push up dark red, changing to dark green.

PARTRIDGEBERRY (Michella repens), also called Buckberry and Twinberry. A small-leaved ground cover, with tiny pinkish white, fragrant flowers in spring, always borne in pairs. Red berries in fall which hang on all winter. Does fairly well in one-pound coffee cans for me, if I lift a slab of moss with the little vines growing through it; divide by breaking moss apart; set moss and all on top of soft ground and pull dirt around the edges to keep out the air. Seems to need the moss for inoculation as I cannot get it to live at all without the moss. This plant furnishes one of the numerous botanical puzzles I run against in my work. Before the coming of the white man with his sinful squandering of God's gifts, the Quapaw women depended to a great extent upon this berry for winter desserts, stewing them with honey . Now, even knowing its haunts, and it is plentiful, I doubt if I could gather a teacupful of berries in a day's search. Hardy into Canada. Must have acid soil, and in South, needs deep shade. Can stand full sun in Michigan.

FIVE FINGERS (Potentilla) a rock garden plant, vine, does not

seem to make a big plant. Neat yellow small flowers in early summer. Very hardy; needs no cultivation, likes to scramble over rocks. This is a medicinal plant.

Any of the above plants 5c each, unless otherwise noted.

Christmas Fern, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. tall. Green through the winter with us, becoming shabby in the spring. Needs shade. Good for base plantings on north side of house. Very hardy, 10c.

Ebony Spleenwort Fern, also green through winter, and unsightly in the spring. About 18 in. tall. Very hardy. Can stand more sun than the Christmas Fern, and often found growing in cracks of rocks and among roots of hardwood trees, 10c.

Blunt Lobed Woodsia Fern, often found growing with Ebony Spleenwort and needs same conditions. Hardy in colder climates than this, 10c.

There are a few Lady Ferns here and if able to walk that far, can furnish them at 10c each.

Bracken Fern, late in coming up. Hardy. The Indian women used the long roots in basket making. 10c.

Blue Iris Cristata, makes a fine ground cover in shady spots. 5c.

Amethyst colored Iris Cristata, more of a rock garden plant than the blue. I find it clambers over rocks, in deep shade. 5c.

Bluets (Houstonia coerula), the ideal plant for cracks between stones in flagstone walks. I find it in lanes and along roads where it gets plenty of trampling. Blooms in February here, when about 2 in. high. Sometimes grows a little taller. Makes seed and then becomes dormant until next year. Hardy perennial but does not become a nuisance. Tiny four-petalled flowers much like Forget Me Nots. Mostly pale blue but I

sometimes find white with red eye, pink with red eye, rarely white with yellow eye and still more rarely solid white and solid pink. Transplants readily even when in bloom. 10c per doz.

VIOLA REFINESQUE — never heard of a common name for it. So far as I know the dwarfest dwarf of the Viola family. Comes very early, pansy like, apple blue blooms about an eighth of an inch across. Full bloom here in late February and early March. Then makes seed and is gone until next year. 10c per doz. Transplants well even when in bloom, and does well in pots.

Unless otherwise stated, all plants whose prices are not given, are 5c each. Postage paid on orders of 50c or more. For less than that amount, please add 5c.

Until income is bigger, the Yellow Sheets will be published bi-monthly.

HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

HARDY SEDUMS. All Sedums I call hardy can survive 15 below zero without protection. Some of them are hardy in the sub-Arctic. Most are fine for rock garden plants. Last year my Sempervivums made almost no increase. This year most are "hatching" chicks, and when my backlog of orders left from last year are filled, I hope to have a number of varieties of hardy Semps to offer. There is a rock garden plant par excellence. Most of the dwarf plants listed under other heads, and many of the wildlings, are also good for rock gardens.

I have wholesale quantities of the following Sedums: Sarmentosum, hardy to subarctic, pendant effect. One sent me Glaucum, much like album, but different flowers and winter coloring; Album white flowers; evergreen with us, an album hybrid has never bloomed for me,

color of foliage slightly different, a grey green one which I think is altissum, good in rock garden, dish garden or as a pot plant; Acre and Sexanfulare much alike but different, both dwarf and good ground cover for clayey spots; Maximoiczi, little known in U.S.A.—two varieties which are in dispute among the botanists who have seen them. The dealer from whom I bought them identified them as the rare pinkflowered Stoloneferum, and No. 28 as Stoloneferum coccinea; and the faculty of our State Experiment Station at Hope, Ark., agrees with him. Other botanists just as well posted say that both are unusual Spurium hybrids.

Have from one to a dozen plants of other varieties. Will trade, plant for plant, any Sedum listed for starts of others I do not have.

Any Sedum listed, labeled to the

best of my knowledge, 5c.

Seven well-rooted, small clumps, all different, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 25c, postpaid.

If selection is left to me, 50 well-rooted Sedums, 10 varieties labeled,

\$1.00.

If unlabeled, 1c each in lot of 25. CONFEDERATE VIOLETS, grey effect, thrive in poor soil and can stand more sun than others.

WHITE VIOLETS, force easily for late winter blooming IF you can keep mice away from the tiny buds.

Red Tradescantia, so called from the winter color of the leaves. Mother plants I brought in from clay bank hillsides, light shade, had deep maroon colored flowers; but only the Lord Himself knows what color they will be in your garden. Anything from bluish white through all the shades of blue and purple to deep maroon, will be entirely normal. One of the native Spiderworts. Very hardy.

WOOLLY VIOLET (Viola sororia), dwarf, very early, can stand more sun than most; blooms, makes seed and then becomes dormant until following spring. Thrives in poor, clay soil.

BIRDSFOOT VIOLET (Viola pedata) found in half shade under Pine trees. Later blooming than Sororia. I occasionally find a bi-color but cannot promise for certain. Mostly blue.

TOOTHWORT (Dentaria lancinata), my favorite early spring bloomer. Very hardy. Dark green, much cut leaves somewhat Birdsfoot Violets. Roots in form of a rhyzome. Begins blooming when root is about size and shape of a grain of wheat and plant, including bloom stalk, all of four inches high. But I have found old plants, growing by rotting logs and stumps as much as a foot high and rhyzomes, like a Cristata Iris, about 3 in. long and thick as a bone knitting needle. This plant does not do well as a pot plant for me. Best place in garden is on north side of deciduous shrub where it will get winter sun and summer shade. Rotten wood best fertilizer. Blooms come in sprays. pale lavender bells opening nearly white.

Spring Beauty (Claytonia virginica), a perfect darling. Thrives in grass and can stand a lot of trampling. If you get it started on your lawn, it will be through blooming and out of the way before the grass is suffering to be mown. A very small plant, grass like leaves and tiny, five-petalled white flowers with faintly pinkish tinge. The Quapaw Indians who used to live here, dug the tiny corms and roasted and ate them as we do Peanuts. This plant does remarkably well as a pot plant and would be a dainty gift to an invalid. Two bloom stalks and four or six blooms does well in the wild. But as a pot plant for me, the third year after digging, one of mine had sixteen bloom stalks. I counted 156 blooms and buds on 13 of them and quit. Sold that plant and do not know what it finally did do.